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SUBJECT: SPANISH ACTION ON FMS CREDIT

1. DURING MY CALL AUGUST 25 ON 1ST VICE PRESIDENT OF THE GOVERNMENT FOR DEFENSE MATTERS AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE, LT GENERAL GUTIERREZ-MELLADO, I MENTIONED TO HIM OUR CONCERN THAT THE GOS HAD NOT YE SIGNED HE NECESSARY PAPERS TO ASSURE THE AVAILABILITY OF THE 120 MILLION DOLLAR FMS CREDIT FOR FY 1977. I SAID THAT WE WOULD RUN INTO SERIOUS PROBLEMS IF THE MATTER WERE NOT RESOLVED PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 30.

2. GUTIERREZ-MELLADO SAID THAT HE WOULD LOOK INTO THIS AT THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING AUGUST 26 AND WOULD PROD THE MINISTER OF FINANCE. HE WAS NOT ENTIRELY SURE WHERE THE MATTER NOW STOOD BUT TO THE EXTENT THE BALL WAS IN THE SPANISH COURT HE WOULD DO WHAT HE COULD TO PRESS THE FINAL ACTION.

3. I ALSO MENTIONED TO HIM THE PENDING PAYMENT DUE US ON THE IMPROVED HAWK SYSTEM. I POINTED OUT THAT OUR ACTION ON THE HAWK SYSTEM WAS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW CONFIDENTIAL

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WE WERE GOING OUT OF OUR WAY TO BE HELPFUL TO THE SPANISH BUT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO CLEAR THE BOOKS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. GUTIERREZ-MELLADO WAS WELL BRIEFED ON THE SUBJECT AND AGREED THAT THIS WAS A QUESTION WHICH ALSO HAD TO BE RESOLVED SOON. STABLER

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